

It is imperative that we learn as much as we can about Enron's behavior—so that we know its impact on the western energy markets and so that this type of fraud and manipulation can be prevented from ever happening again.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT CLIFFORD UERZ

• Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to Robert Clifford Uerz, an outstanding Vermonter and a national leader in the not-for-profit sector. As he prepares to retire from his position as president and CEO of the American Lung Association of Vermont, it is important to reflect on how much one person can accomplish in serving others.

Robert "Bob" Uerz has had a distinguished career with the American Lung Association. He has served the organization for a quarter of a century working in various chapters in the States of New York, Connecticut, and most recently serving in Vermont.

Bob has been on the forefront of the association's efforts in Vermont to carry forward its worthy goals of reducing the presence of lung disease and improving lung health in our communities through preventive measures.

He was the primary force in establishing the American Lung Association's Asthma Clinical Research Center at the University of Vermont, an institution that has served Vermonters and others by advancing medical knowledge through research. I was indeed impressed with the national implications of this study and responded by securing \$500,000 in Federal funds to further our understanding of ways to prevent and treat asthma.

Bob has proven himself to be an effective educator and advocate in Vermont by striving to protect and improve the quality of indoor and outdoor air and by expanding services to residents with lung disease or those at risk of developing lung disease. His leadership was key to the establishment of the Better Breathers Support Group Network in Vermont.

Bob has always brought a high level of integrity and dignity to every task. It has become impossible to separate the identity and good name of the American Lung Association of Vermont from the name of Robert Clifford Uerz.

Bob's unwavering commitment toward improving the quality of life of Vermonters of all ages is a model for all who aspire to lead in the not-for-profit sector. The people of our Green Mountain State are truly indebted to him. He has our best wishes for the future.●

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 2003

• Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I rise today to speak about the need for hate

crimes legislation. On May 1, 2003, Senator KENNEDY and I introduced the Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act, a bill that would add new categories to current hate crimes law, sending a signal that violence of any kind is unacceptable in our society.

One such crime occurred on November 18, 2001 in Huntington, WV. Michael Fife, 28, was beaten, robbed of \$20 and left in an alley for dead while walking home from a gay nightclub. Mr. Fife suffered a fractured skull and internal bleeding. Due to a rash of hate crimes biased against gays in the area, some believe that Mr. Fife may have been attacked because the alleged perpetrators thought he was gay.

I believe that Government's first duty is to defend its citizens, to defend them against the harms that come out of hate. The Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act is a symbol that can become substance. I believe that by passing this legislation and changing current law, we can change hearts and minds as well.●

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-7780. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Plum Pox Compensation" (Doc. No. 00-035-3) received on June 1, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7781. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Review Group, Commodity Credit Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Flexible Marketing Allotments for Sugar" (RIN0560-AH08) received on June 1, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7782. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Nonvaluron; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL#7359-2) received on June 1, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7783. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Streptomyces Iydicus WYEC 108; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL#7361-3) received on June 1, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7784. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Overseas Surplus Property"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7785. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to an amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7786. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursu-

ant to law, a report relative to the Senate Armed Services Committee Report 107-62 relative to the use of decision support information tools to impact clinical outcomes and the quality of care in the Military Health System; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7787. A communication from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of a transaction involving U.S. exports to the Republic of Korea (South Korea); to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7788. A communication from the Fiscal Assistant Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Government Securities Act Amendments of 1993; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7789. A communication from the Fiscal Assistant Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Government Securities Act Amendments of 1993; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7790. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development, received on June 1, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7791. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Deputy Secretary-Designate, Department of Housing and Urban Development, received on June 1, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7792. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations; 65 FR 17606" (44 CFR 67) received on June 1, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7793. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations; 65 FR 17600" (44 CFR 65) received on June 1, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7794. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations; 64 FR 17312" (44 CFR 67) received on June 1, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7795. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility; 64 FR 17310" (44 CFR 64) received on June 1, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7796. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations; 65 FR 17608" (44 CFR 67) received on June 1, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7797. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland